

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Automatic downloading from a network takes place during the time when an already established connection exists but is not being used. In this way, searched data is readily available to the user's system for later use, and any unused capacity the network connection has exploited to the full. This fuller use is made of the connection to the network service provider. The automatic downloading is adjusted to the user's preferences: the anticipatory downloading of pages can be chosen by the user setting certain configuring parameters on dedicated look ahead downloading options screen and alternately other schemes including indirectly by analyzing the user's behavior during use by a data mining screen in a server.

Rejection Under 35 USC 102(e)

All the claims, as originally presented, were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Nguyen, U.S. #6,584,498B2.

The Nguyen patent does not provide for a screen separate display of information derived from the network. Instead it provides information on the initial information screen 140 received from the server (see Figure 1).

All the independent claims in the application are distinguishable from the Nguyen patent in that they call for an option selection display screen for user preselection of options and for displaying the initial information in a screen separate from the option display screen. Independent claim 14 further distinguishes in that it calls for functions to be performed in a server intermediate the network and the

client machine: in the Nguyen patent there is no server intermediate the network and the client machine performing such function (see Figure 1).

The dependent claims of the application further distinguish over the Nguyen patent. For instance, claim 9, that is also true of claim 22 and claim 31, calls for a sequence of options on the option display screen selectable by the user. Claims 23 and 32 provide for selecting between a user profile to automatically assign priority to the options selected or permitting the assignment of priority to be performed by the using of the option display screens.

The Abstract

The applicant has amended the abstract in light of the Examiner's remarks and also include a clean copy of the new abstract on a separate page.

The Specification

In light of the Examiner's remarks, "browse" has been changed to "browser" where it appears in the specification. However centre, analysing and behaviour have not been changed. These are well known British spelling of center, analyzing and behavior. (See the new Merriam-Webster Collegiate dictionary by G. N. C. Webster Company.)

The Drawings

The attached copies of Figures 1 to 5 are for substitution for the copies that were filed with the application. The language in the drawing of Figure 4 has been changed to English, as required by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

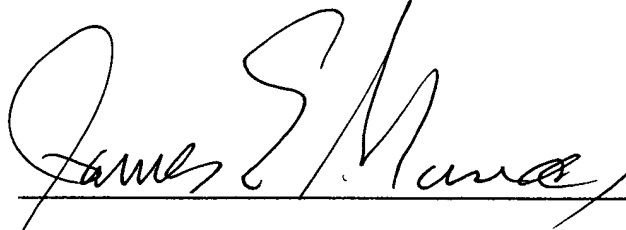
The dependency of claim 30 has been changed to claim 29 in light of the Examiner's remarks.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

Proper antecedent basis has been provided for the statement "client's machine" in claims 1, 14 and 24. Claims 9, 22 and 31 have been modified to provide antecedent basis for "center/top-down/bottom up". The use of g) and h) in those claims is consistent with paragraph notation in claims 1 and 24. "Browse" has been changed to "browser". "Centre", "analysing" and "behaviour" have not been changed so that the claims are consistent with the text of the specification. As pointed out above, use of these British spelling versions are well known and do not cause any confusion.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are allowable, and therefore it is requested that the application is reconsidered, allowed and passed to issue.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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